

Appl. No. 09/648,908
Amdt. dated October 30, 2003
Amendment under 37 CFR 1,116 Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 3683

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Application

Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 1-25 were pending in the application. Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-11 and 15-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,108,540 (Sonti), in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,913,165 (Foti). Claims 3 and 7 were rejected under § 103 as unpatentable over Sonti (and presumably Foti) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,256,379 (Dougherty). Claims 12-14 and 25 were rejected under § 103 as unpatentable over the combination of Sonti and Foti, in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,958,016 (Chang). Claims 1, 5, 6 and 23 have been amended; no claims have been added or canceled. Hence, after entry of this amendment, claims 1-25 will remain pending in the application.

Claim Rejections:

All pending claims have been rejected under § 103 as unpatentable over the combination of Sonti and Foti, along with, in some cases, other references. The applicant respectfully traverses the rejections and submits the following arguments in support of his position.

The applicant submits that the cited references, either alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest the limitations of even the independent claims pending in the application. For example, as amended, claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, “in response to the request and without [] prompting by any Switching Center, sending the profile update to the Switching Center.” In a previous amendment (Paper No. 6), the applicant pointed out that Sonti neither teaches nor suggests updating a profile at a switching center without any prompting by that switching center. Apparently accepting that argument, the current office action attempts to combine Sonti with Foti, which teaches updating a profile at a switching center in response to prompting from a different switching center. Nonetheless, even assuming there would be some motivation to combine Sonti and Foti (and the office action provides no evidence or rationale for any such motivation) neither Sonti nor Foti teach or even suggest sending a profile update to a switching center in response to a request from a database without prompting from any switching center.

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Moreover, for at least the reasons discussed in the previous response, there would be no motivation to modify the combination of Sonti and Foti to send updates in the claimed manner, and the cited combination fails to render obvious even the independent claims in the application.

Further, the applicant believes that the dependent claims are allowable both as depending from allowable base claims and as being directed to specific novel substitutes. For instance, claim 14 recites, *inter alia*, that “the database is configured to receive communications via a web browser, and wherein receiving an update comprises receiving an update request initiated by a web browser.” The office action asserts that Chang could be combined with Sonti and Foti to teach the claimed invention. Chang, however, is directed to web-based modification of features of wireline (and specifically AIN) telephone service. Further, Chang does not even mention wireless subscriber profiles or service location registers, let alone teach or even suggest using the Internet to modify a subscriber profile in a wireless network. For this reason, even if Chang and Sonti/Foti, which are directed to different types of networks, could be combined, the combination still would fail to teach the limitations of claim 14.

For at least the foregoing reasons, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the final rejections of claims 1-25.

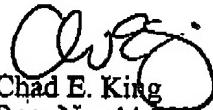
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the applicants believes all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests an action to that end. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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